



THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 4, 1909.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Nov. 4.

The Central American war puzzle which is being watched closely by the governments of the United States and Mexico assumed a less perplexing aspect today by the receipt of dispatches at the State Department indicating that the Nicaraguan revolution, headed by Juan C. Cabrer, is growing stronger. The latest official report tends to show that the revolutionists are daily gaining strength in men, and ammunition. They have practical control over all the territory east of 85 degrees west longitude, which includes the major portion of Nicaragua territory although the territory still remaining under control of the government is more densely populated. In the Atlantic coast region orderly conditions prevail and there is no evidence that President Zelaya is making any move to regain the territory. Only the downfall of President Zelaya will obviate the necessity of interference by the United States and Mexico to restore order in Central America, according to competent opinion. It is now practically certain that Honduras is standing with Zelaya against the revolutionists, San Salvador and Guatemala.

Another argument in favor of the establishment of postal savings banks is contained in the annual report of M. O. Chance, auditor for the Postoffice Department, just made public. He points out that in the last twenty years foreigners in the United States have sent back to their homes by means of money orders the enormous sum of \$431,956,628 in excess of the amount that they have received from abroad. More than half of this sum went out in the last four years, 80 per cent of the total went to six countries in Europe—Austria, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Norway and Russia. It represents the surplus earnings of foreign labor employed in the gigantic industrial and commercial business of this country. Auditor Chance says that it is a fair assumption that a majority of the foreign element sojourning in this country patronize government postal savings banks, and thus a considerable share of the millions of dollars now annually sent abroad for deposit in banks of their own country would remain here in the custody of the secretary of the treasury.

Edward T. Sanford and Jas. A. Fowler, the first being a former assistant attorney general and the latter his successor in the same office, are being mentioned as probable appointees as members of the proposed Customs Court of Appeals. In their work at the Department of Justice each became familiar with customs matters because all legal questions arising in that branch of the Treasury service were referred to them for decision. It is understood that the president is favorably impressed with their qualifications for membership in the new court. It is probable, however, that no appointments will be made for some time.

With the near approach of Christmas it is possible that the influence of Santa Claus was felt in the Treasury Department today. Any way, the officials there have decided that decorated china dolls, or dolls made of any material, may be sold at 60 per cent instead of 60 per cent ad valorem. That may help a little bit in the Christmas shopping. It was a close decision because although the new tariff law provides that dolls and other toys not composed of china or porcelain may come in at 35 per cent, in another part of the law it says that toys that are composed of those materials shall pay 60 per cent. It was because dolls are specifically mentioned in the former paragraph that they were granted the lower rate.

A delegation of scientists representing the National Geographic Society called at the State Department today to ascertain to what extent the department would aid them in securing representation at the examination of the Cook records by the University of Copenhagen. Their request was taken under advisement by Assistant Secretary Wilson.

TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

More complete returns from Tuesday's state election indicate that the majority of Judge William H. Mann over William P. Kent for the governorship will reach 27,000. Those counties which were late reporting have maintained their usual democratic majorities better than some of those which reported in full within a few hours after the polls closed.

If the estimates so far made are correct, the republican losses are equal to those of the democrats, in proportion to the total vote.

The apparent vote in Tuesday's election is approximately 120,000, while that of last November was 126,556. Therefore, while Judge Mann's vote seems to be about 73,000 instead of Bryan's 82,906, Mr. Kent's is apparently only in the neighborhood of 47,000, as compared to Taft's 52,573. The democrats were more sympathetic than the republicans only because there were more democrats to be sympathetic.

The election of a democratic legislature assures the re-election of Senator John W. Daniel to the U. S. Senate. The democratic strength in the coming legislature will be exactly the same as in the present one, having eighty-six out of the 100 members of the House and thirty-five out of the forty senators.

The republicans gained the members from Patrick and Botetourt counties, but lost a member from Washington and Bristol, while the independent member from Henry county is succeeded by a democrat. The present Henry county representative was not a member of the democratic caucus.

FIGHT BEEF TRUST.

The arrival in the Thames of a cargo of chilled beef from Australia, said to be in tiptop condition, is heralded in London yesterday as fore-shadowing the relief of the British meat market from "the danger of being throttled by the American beef trust."

Previous attempts to bring chilled beef from Australia have failed, the time of transportation being so great that the meat invariably was condemned upon its receipt. The frozen variety from source brings scarcely half the price paid for American chilled beef. Traders claim that if the present shipment is in so good condition as reported, that Australia will be able to more than make up the shortage caused by the increased home consumption by America.

News of the Day.

It is reported that Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, will remove to New York.

A waterfall, said to be the largest on the Western Hemisphere, has been discovered in Labrador.

Mr. William K. Vanderbilt will build four model tenements for consumptives in New York.

It is reported that Attorney General Wickesha will be appointed to the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Peckham.

Several hundred delegates are at Raleigh, N. C., to attend the Farmers' National Congress, which was called to order this morning by President Benjamin Cameron. Among the speakers are to be President E. A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia.

Richings which are more than twenty years old when they are imported must hereafter be accompanied by certificates to that effect, just the same as other works of art, to entitle that to free entry, according to a decision made by the Treasury Department today.

The celebrated racing stable of Count Tzvetkewitz at St. Petersburg, the finest in Europe outside of England, was totally destroyed by fire today. One hundred valuable racing horses besides the famous stud animals for which the stable was noted was burned to death.

Flames of mysterious origin last night threatened destruction to the four-story brick building at 1332 New York avenue northwest, Washington, occupied by Rudolph & West Company as a hardware store. The loss is estimated at about \$55,000. The blaze was not discovered until flames burst through the roof.

That Teresa Villalca has been released from jail at Toronto and sent to Monterey at her own request is the news received by her sister, Andrea who has been at El Paso, Tex., for a fortnight. Teresa, according to this information, was arrested because she was mistaken for her sister, Andrea, who has written and signed liberal articles attacking the Mexican government.

With a few county precincts yet to be heard from, unofficial figures show that the proposed amendment to the Maryland state constitution, intended to disfranchise the negroes, is defeated by 16,155, and that Herling, democrat, for state comptroller, defeats his republican opponent by 9,076. For Judge Urner, republican, wins in the Sixth judicial district, while Boyd, democrat, carries the Seventh judicial district, and Carrison, democrat, in the First judicial district becomes a member of the court of appeals. The legislature on joint ballot, judging from incomplete returns, will send 90 democrats and 38 republicans. In both houses they will apparently have the power to again bring the question of the disfranchisement of the negroes before the people at the next election.

BODY OF ASSASSIN FOUND.

When the Austrian consul called upon Mayor Speer in Denver, Col., yesterday and asked his aid in finding the body of Count Louis von Vetsera, who died in Denver last Saturday, the consul gave official verification of the story that the count was the slayer of Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria and Countess Marie Vetsera.

The consul says his government has kept itself informed as to Vetsera's whereabouts, and knows that he died in Denver October 30. The consul has been instructed to find the body, have it properly identified, and he will then be given further instructions concerning it.

Austria established a consulate at Denver only about a month ago, and the consul has had some difficulty in getting information, hence his appeal to the mayor. He received his instructions from the consul general at San Francisco. Mayor Speer has placed the matter in the hands of the city and county officers, with instructions to aid in every way possible.

Under what name Vetsera lived and died in Denver is as much a mystery as where the deaths of Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria and Countess Marie Vetsera until it became known that Louis von Vetsera, brother of the countess, killed them together.

A cable from the Austrian foreign office, and a telegram from the Austrian-Hungarian ambassador at Washington conveyed the intelligence of Vetsera's death to the consulate at Denver.

U. D. C.

At the recent annual general convention held in Houston, Tex., of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a resolution was introduced by Mrs. C. B. Tate, of the Virginia division, in regard to the action of the convention on accepting the scholarship in Teachers' College, Columbia University. The resolution was as follows:

Whereas, this convention has again endorsed Columbia Teachers' college by accepting a scholarship from that institution, Virginia enters her earnest protest against such action and asks that this resolution be spread upon the minutes without discussion.

In speaking of this matter yesterday, Mrs. Tate, who is president of the Virginia division, stated that it was desired that Virginia should go on record as being opposed to this action of the convention, and that when her resolution was read it called forth the speech from Sister Esther Carleton, of Florida, who led the discussion against the school, and the withdrawal of Florida's contribution for the maintenance of the young woman who should be selected. "The color line is so distinctly marked in the minds of the southern women, and when told that northern universities admit all nationalities, it did not occur to them that this included the negro. Old Virginia was not caught napping and did not make any contribution to it."

VIRGINIA'S VOTE.

In view of the republican claim that Kent would cut down the normal democratic majority in Virginia, the vote for the past twenty years in the state is interesting. It follows:

1888, president—Cleveland, 151,977; Harrison, 150,438.
1889, governor—McKinney, 162,654; Mahone, 120,477.
1892, president—Cleveland, 163,977; Harrison, 113,266.
1893, governor—O'Ferrall, 127,910; Cooke (pop.) 81,239.
1896, president—Bryan, 164,709; McKinley, 135,368.
1897, governor—Tyler, 109,665; McCall, 56,840.
1900, president—Bryan, 146,080; McKinley, 115,865.
1901, governor—Montague, 116,682; Hoge, 81,368.
1904, president—Parker, 80,648; Roosevelt, 47,880.
1906, governor—Swanson, 88,344; Lewis, 45,795.
1908, president—Bryan, 82,946; Taft, 52,673.

Virginia News.

Judge Joseph T. Lawless who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Purlock in the Norfolk county Circuit Court assumed his duties yesterday.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools, which convenes at the University of Virginia Friday and Saturday, promises to bring together a large gathering of southern educators.

The election for the issue of \$100,000 of bonds by Carroll and Chancellor districts, in Spotsylvania, was carried by 43 majority. Only one district, Berkeley, voted against it by 8 majority. The other three districts gave small majorities for it.

It is rumored that two strong candidates to succeed Representative F. R. Lester from the Fourth district in Congress will be State Senator O. R. Lester, a brother of the late representative, and former Congressman Robert G. Southall, of Amelia county.

The Riddleberger flouring mill, in the suburbs of Luray, was destroyed by fire last night involving considerable loss to the owner, L. Riddleberger. The mill was one of the oldest landmarks in Virginia, having been built about 80 years ago by the Ruffner family.

Miss Myra Gardner English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. English, of Leesburg, and Howard Elton Cole were married yesterday afternoon in St. James' Episcopal Church, Leesburg, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Burkhardt, officiating. The bride was attended by Mrs. Edward Franklin Conkling, of Washington, D. C. The best man was Hubert T. Plaster, of Blomont. The ushers were Edgar Littleton, of Fairfax Courthouse; Dr. John A. Gibson, of R. H. Alexander and Charles Albert English, of Leesburg.

Miss Elizabeth Rodman Spencer, daughter of the late Charles M. Spencer, of Maryland, and Mr. James William Slaughter, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Philip Slaughter, of The Plains, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's great-grandfather, in Philadelphia. Rev. Joseph Patton McComas, rector of St. Ann's Church, Annapolis, a cousin of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Robert Johnston, rector of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, performed the ceremony. The maid of honor, Miss Julia McIlwaine Spencer, sister of the bride, was the only attendant, and Mr. William Skinner, Jr., of The Plains, was Mr. Slaughter's best man.

STOPS AUTO WITH REVOLVER.

John Armstrong Chalousser, divorced husband of Annie Rives, the authoress, now Princess Troubetzkoy, and brother of Lewis Stryker Chalousser, late democratic candidate for governor of New York, and who, a year ago, was exonerated by a jury for the death of John Gilliland whom he shot and killed in a scuffle with Chalousser in the Merrie Mills, Chalousser's home in Albemarle county, while Chalousser was defending Mrs. Gilliland from an attack by her husband, yesterday came again into the limelight when he held up an automobile loaded with passengers on a public road, at the point of a revolver, and forced the chauffeur to descend and lead his horse, which had become frightened around the machine and out of the way of danger.

There is an automobile law in Virginia which requires the drivers of automobiles to stop on signal from a person driving an animal, and who is required to dismount and lead the frightened animal around the machine. This is the first time that the law has ever been enforced in such a drastic manner and by a private citizen. Chalousser maintains that the revolver, which says he is in the habit of carrying, is unconcealed.

"I advise all citizens," said Chalousser, "male and female, to carry an unconcealed weapon when they go driving or driving in order to keep the law in subjection."

THE STEINHEIL TRIAL.

The trial of Mme. Marguerite Steinheil for the murder of her husband and her stepmother, Mme. Japy, opened in the Seine Assize Court in Paris, yesterday, as stated in the Gazette of that day. Most of the day's session was occupied with the selection of a jury and the reading of the indictment, the examination of the prisoner beginning late in the afternoon.

During her examination, which was dramatic, Madame Steinheil protested her innocence, and declared repeatedly that her original account of the crime, to the effect that it had been committed by three men dressed in long, flowing coats, with the assistance of a red-haired woman, was true. She explained the stories told by her accused persons, in which she accused various persons, on the ground that she was in a nervous condition at the time and the victim of auto-suggestion on the part of journalists, police officers and others.

She also said that her accusation against the valet Couillard was due to the suggestion of a journalist, who was convinced that she on this idea, she slipped the pearl into Couillard's pocket-book. "This was my own fault," she said.

MINISTER DISMISSED.

With three charges of unministerial conduct against him, the First Presbyterian Church, in session at Black Creek, N. C., yesterday voted to grant a certificate of dismissal to the Rev. William Duncan, formerly pastor of First Church in Charlotte. The case has been before the various presbyteries of the Charlotte section for a year, and originated with sensational charges which embodied letters written to the nurse of a hospital while the minister's wife lay on her deathbed. Rather than stir the church with the scandal of a trial, which seemed inevitable, the presbytery yesterday voted to quietly dismiss the offending minister, with the privilege of affiliation with some other denomination.

The Market.

Greenville, D. C. Nov. 4. Wheat 106-118.

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Today's Telegraphic News.

The Trial of Madame Steinheil.

Paris, Nov. 4.—Only baring all the details of her varied life which culminated when her husband and Mme. Japy were murdered in her home, Madame Marguerite Steinheil resumed the stand in her trial for the murder of her relatives today. Despite her four-hour ordeal of yesterday, she was prepared to fight her way through another mass of accusations, and she parried the thrusts of presiding Judge de Valles, who, under the French law, is also prosecuting officer.

When Judge de Valles resumed his examination of Madame Steinheil she immediately resorted to her tactics of yesterday. She became in turn pitiful and menacing, imploring and indignant.

The prisoner seemed to retain some of the charm that had won her position in Paris. But her famous beauty is no longer seen. A year's imprisonment and her natural anxiety over the charges have had their effect. Her wonderful eyes alone tell of the beautiful woman who once played an important part in the politics of Paris.

The spectators have watched closely for any reference in the story of Madame Steinheil to Felix Faure, the dead president of France. The only statement that could in any way be construed in that connection was when she said:

"My husband took me to the saloon of a high dignitary who was of the highest intelligence, and who later became my lover. He took an interest in my husband's painting. The only wrong he ever did was in dying and not taking me with him."

In her testimony Madame Steinheil adheres closely to her story that the crime was committed by three men and a red-haired woman clad in long robes, who after killing the artist and Madame Japy bound and gagged the prisoner herself. M. Valles, in his review of the case and throughout his questioning, assumes the attitude outlined in his statement: "Madame Steinheil was a liar at the age of five. She never reformed."

MURDERER CONFESSES.

Paris, Nov. 4.—Declaring that he was the slayer of Madame Steinheil and Madame Japy, Jean Lefebvre, an unknown young Frenchman, electrified the court room where Madame Marguerite Steinheil is on trial for her life for the murder of her husband and mother, today, by reciting in all its morbid details the killing of the couple. Lefebvre, pale ashen, and apparently about 20 years old, dramatically declared that the beautiful woman who crouched in the witness chair was innocent, and said that his motive for the killing was robbery.

Lefebvre, standing before the astounded judges of the Assizes, related that he, disguised as a red-haired woman, had obtained entrance to the Steinheil home in the Impasse Ronde, with a companion, a Pole. The judge ordered him searched and in his pocket was found a woman's wig of red hair.

"With this wig on my head," passionately announced Lefebvre, "I followed my companion behind the Pantheon at midnight the night the murder was committed. I donned the clothing of a woman, and together we proceeded to the Steinheil house in the Impasse Ronde. We murdered Steinheil and we killed Madame Japy."

A buzz of astonishment ran through the court room. The pale-faced woman who since yesterday noon had been fighting with every means at her command the merciless badgering of president of the Court de Valles, fell forward in her chair, striving vainly to keep her composure. Attendants rushed to her and she was carried to an ante room. It took several minutes to arouse her.

Meantime Lefebvre, facing the court and spectators from behind the little rail where he had taken his position to make his confession, proceeded to tell how the killing had been accomplished. "Where is your accomplice?" thundered de Valles, as he concluded. "He was a Pole and he has been dead for some time," replied Lefebvre calmly. The judges ordered Lefebvre locked up.

Madame Steinheil was revived, and brought back to the court room. Her appearance was the signal for an outburst of emotion on the part of those in the court room.

The court officers had difficulty in preventing a demonstration, but quiet was finally restored, and once again Madame Steinheil was placed on the stand and the examination resumed.

But the interruption had given her a new courage and she returned brilliantly to her defense from the biting sarcasm and bitter denunciation of de Valles. The story of Lefebvre, who was well dressed and appeared to be of good address, bears out the original story of Madame Steinheil regarding the crime. She said that the murder was committed by three bearded men, wearing long robes and accompanied by a red-haired woman. An investigation will be made of Lefebvre's story and of his sanity. The authorities immediately put Lefebvre through a grilling examination, the result of which was kept secret.

England's Crisis.

London, Nov. 4.—Debate on the budget in the House of Commons ends at midnight tonight, the most revolutionary finance bill ever introduced in the English parliament—a bill introduced for the purpose of creating an opportunity for the commons to demand the abolition of the House of Lords—will pass the lower house by a majority of about 250.

The budget will be formally introduced in the House of Lords Monday, and that body will upon receiving it adjourn until November 22 when the real fight against its passage will begin. The outcome of the fight will affect not only England but the United States, and practically the whole civilized world as well.

So far as the fate of hereditary legislation in England is concerned outsiders will be only sentimentally interested. Widepread interest was aroused however, by the establishment of a protective tariff system in Great Britain. And should the Peers reject the bill, the administration must resign, a general election would be called, and upon this election would depend whether the conservatives are to be given an opportunity to raise the national revenue by means of customs duties. Three hundred persons under the leadership of the duke of Northumberland and the duke of Norfolk held a caucus recently at which they decided to vote solidly against the measure.

Murdered Three People.

Quill Lake, Sask., Nov. 4.—A graphic story of the murder of three members of the family of George Thorburn at their home near here was told today by a homesteader named Dixon, who discovered the tragedy. John Meek, aged 22, a Hungarian who was employed by Thorburn, has been arrested charged with the murders.

Dixon said he was passing the Thorburn homestead yesterday morning when he was attracted by unusual noises from the livestock. Noting no signs of life around the house, he entered and heard the wailing of a child, seemingly beneath him.

Raising the cellar trap, he was horrified to see the feet of George Thorburn who had been shot to death and apparently been thrown down head long. In the next cellar Dixon found a four-year-old boy, dazed by a blow on the head. A two-year-old girl, hiding unharmed in the oven, was the next find. She was waiting for her mother, who, she said, was in the hole, indicating the well. The bodies of Mrs. Thorburn and her mother, Mrs. McMillan, were located in the bushes some distance from the house.

Mrs. Thorburn had been shot through the heart and her throat cut, while her mother's throat was cut and her head badly gashed. The boy indicated the crime was committed on Sunday.

"John did it; he shot papa and hit me and I went to sleep," was the child's statement.

The neighborhood turned out en masse seeking John Meek who had been employed by Thorburn for about six months. He was easily captured.

Strike of Gas Works Employees.

Milan, Italy, Nov. 4.—Employees of the gas works in the cities throughout northern Italy have called a strike, and today violence is imminent. Milan, Alessandria and Genoa, as well as the smaller cities, were in darkness last evening, and soldiers carrying lanterns were called upon to patrol the streets and protect property and persons from looting. All of the gas works have been occupied by strong forces of military, and there seems little likelihood of a clash between the troops and the strikers being averted.

London, Nov. 4.—An attempt to recruit 1,000 strike breakers to replace the striking gas workers employed in northern Italy is meeting with little success. The English workmen are afraid that the Italian strike will be marked by great violence and they are not anxious to take the risk. The trade unions are actively combating the scheme.

Mob Surrounds Jail.

Elkins, W. Va., Nov. 4.—An angry mob surrounded the jail at Gasaway early today where two negroes are held, suspected of being the companions of a negro named Lewis, who assaulted the wife of Albert Rockhold Tuesday night after robbing the home and binding Rockhold in bed.

Lewis is dead, having been shot through the head by a member of the posse hunting him down, and though the police believe they have the other two negroes connected with the crime now in custody, the posse continues its search today, while another mob surrounded the jail.

Twelve men, armed with rifles, are again guarding the jail. It is certain an attempt will be made to storm the jail if it is found that the men under arrest are Lewis's companions.

Knocked Out Sweetheart's Tooth.

Boston, Nov. 4.—Just because pretty Rose Marco stuck a fat pin into a vulnerable part of her sweetheart's anatomy as he bent over his work in a Hanover street factory here and just because he turned around and knocked out one of her teeth in acknowledgement of the joke, another romance has been wrecked. In the police court Miss Marco held up a small object for Judge Bennett to inspect.

"It's my front tooth, your honor," she explained, "and this man knocked it out by punching me in the face. The court looked concerned and asked: "Did it cause much bleeding?" "Oh, no, Judge," answered Miss Marco without a smile, "you see it was a false tooth." Her somewhat pensive sweetheart, Lewis Marco, denied having punched the fair joker and, being fined \$15 for his lack of humor, appealed.

The Recent Storms in Spain.

Madrid, Nov. 4.—Complete reports from the districts of Catalonia and Valencia, which have been swept by tornadoes and floods, declare that the property loss will be very large. There are fears of loss of life, but the reports that many have been drowned are not confirmed. Railway bridges and many miles of track have been destroyed and all crops are ruined. The inhabitants of the flooded district are in need and orders have been issued that the military extend all relief possible. Troops have also been dispatched to aid the people in restoring their home.

Typaldes Captured.

Athens, Nov. 4.—Lieutenant Typaldos, who led the recent abortive revolution, was captured by the government troops early today on the Kephali road. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Dimoulis and they made no resistance, although the latter tried to bolt when he saw the soldiers. The pair were hurried to the arsenal here as prisoners and will be court-martialed at once. Typaldos declared that he was en route to the capital to surrender, believing that he can justify his recent action.

The President in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 4.—President Taft is being entertained at the state fair today. Following his arrival in Macon he was escorted to the residence of Representative Bartlett, where he had breakfast, after which he was driven to the fair grounds. There was a parade of the prize stock in his honor and he addressed the crowd in the grand stand. The presidential special leaves at 11.45 for Savannah.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Nov. 4.—Trading in the late forenoon and early afternoon was influenced almost entirely by freely circulated reports that arrangements for placing U. S. steel common on the market of the Paris Bourse had been successfully completed. A number of specialists were strong. The leading railroad issues were heavy.

The soothing spray of Ely's Liquid Cream Balm, used in an atomizer, is an unparelleled relief to sufferers from Catarrh. Some of them describe it as a Godsend, and no wonder. The thick, foul discharge is dislodged and the patient breathes freely. Liquid Cream Balm contains all the healing, purifying elements of the solid form, and it never fails to satisfy. Sold by all druggists for 75c. Including spraying tube, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York.

West Virginia State Debt.

New York, Nov. 4.—Argument by some of the biggest lawyers in the country were made today before special Commissioner Charles E. Littlefield in the litigation between Virginia and West Virginia over the payment of bonds, which the mother state claims were issued before the separation of the two states took place.

Virginia was represented by Attorney-General Anderson and Messrs. Conrad, Meacham, Harris and Lightfoot, and West Virginia by Attorney-General Conley, ex-Senator Spooner and ex-secretary of the Treasury John G. Colville. Mr. Littlefield was appointed commissioner by the U. S. Supreme Court and the arguments were made behind closed doors. Commissioner Littlefield stated that the arguments would continue tomorrow.

National Farmers' Congress.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 4.—Great Britain's ambassador, James Bryce, was the chief speaker today at the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the National Farmers' Congress. He declared that the problem of scientific farming is one of the most important in the world, and declared American farmers lead all others in getting results whenever they make their mind to follow their vocation purely from a scientific standpoint.

A TRAGIC ROMANCE.

A romance of two continents had a tragic ending yesterday at a coal mining village near Bluefield, W. Va.

A Sicilian girl, who had two sweethearts, jilted one and came to America recently to marry the other. Michaelo Bruniella, the scorned lover, followed. He traced the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Fairclough, from Brooklyn, where they were married on the girl's arrival, to West Virginia. The old sweetheart went to Bluefield and found the girl he loved in the home of her husband. He fired at her, the bullet entering her breast. The woman screaming her husband's pistol and fired at Bruniella, wounding him just as her husband entered the door. The latter took the pistol from his wife's hands and killed Bruniella, firing shot after shot into him as he died.

A certificate of merger filed in the office of the secretary of state, the Intercontinental Rubber Company, capital \$40,000,000 and the Continental Rubber Company of America capital \$30,000,000 have been consolidated at Trenton, N. J. The name of the new company is the Intercontinental Rubber Company, capital \$50,000,000.

An application for a re-hearing of the John R. Walsh case before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago was filed today by counsel for Walsh. The government will file an answer to this petition.

The Japanese commissioners who are visiting cities in this country to familiarize themselves with American industry, with the object of making a special report to their emperor, arrived in Baltimore this morning.

DIED.

At her home, 1113 Duke street, Alexandria, this morning, at 9 o'clock, after a brief illness, Mrs. MINNIE NOLAN. Funeral arrangements will be made later.—[Washington papers please copy.]

At the home of his sister, Mrs. Martha C. Weadon, 1106 Prince street, Wednesday, November 3, Mr. JOHN L. THOMAS, in the 67th year of his age. The funeral will take place from the home of the deceased on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. CAROLINE PIERSON, widow of A. Pierison, died this morning at 6 o'clock, aged about 70 years. She was a devoted Christian and had been a consistent member of Roberts Chapel, M. E. Church, for a number of years. She was kind, docile and much thought of by all who knew her. She leaves a son, grandson and son-in-law and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She had a host of white friends—with whom she worked—who thought well of her.

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